GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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FALL IN PRICES OF CASHEW KERNAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have noticed the downfall of prices of cashew Kernal exported from India;

(b) if so, the details of price level for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the foreign exchange earned from export of cashew Kernal during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for preventing the price fall?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) The unit export price of cashew kernel for the last three years is as below:

Year	Unit export price (Rs./kg.)
2000-2001	229.89
2001-2002	182.13
2002-2003 (April-October)	188.66
2001-2002 (April-October)	197.77

(c) The foreign exchange earned from export of cashew kernel during the last three years has been as below:

Year	Value (Rs. Crores)
2000-2001	2049.60
2001-2002	1776.70
2002-2003 (April-October)	1123.03
2001-2002 (April-October)	1050.32

(d) International price of cashew kernels depends upon various factors like demand and supply, consumer preferences etc., factors quite beyond the control of Government.